

REMARKS

Claims 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 34-37, 45-46, 48 and 50 are pending in this application.

Claims 27 and 48 have been canceled and claims 20, 37 and 50 have been amended by the present Amendment. Amended claims 20, 37 and 50 do not introduce any new subject matter.

AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION AND NEW DRAWING SHEET

Applicant has amended the specification and added a new drawing sheet to reflect the description at pages 20-21 of Applicant's original disclosure, which states that "[o]ne end of the adjustable wedge 416¹ may . . . rest in respective recesses positioned at different points up and down a panel of the housing 410/510."

Applicant submits that no new matter is added by the amendment, and that the amendment and new drawing sheet have been added to illustrate that which was already disclosed.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of (1) claims 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 29-31, 34-37, 45, 46 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,380,978 ("Adams") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,371,345 ("Leyden"), and further in view of JP 06197245 ("Yoshioka"); and (2) claims 32 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adams in view of Leyden and Yoshioka, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,216,927 ("Meritt").

Claims 20, 37 and 50 essentially recite, *inter alia*, that one end of the wedge is

¹ Applicant notes that the specification was previously amended in the March, 2008 Amendment to correct a typographical error where "216" should have been "416".

positioned in a recess on a rear panel of the housing and another end of the wedge is butted against the seat.

For example, referring to amended paragraph 0061 on pages 20-21, and new Fig. 11D of Applicant's disclosure, one end of the adjustable wedge 416 may rest in respective recesses 415 positioned at different points up and down a panel of the housing.

Applicant respectfully submits that Adams, when taken alone, or in combination with Leyden, Yoshioka and/or Meritt does not disclose or suggest the wedge as claimed.

Accordingly, for at least this reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 20, 37 and 50 are patentable over Adams in view of Leyden, Yoshioka and further in view of Meritt.

In addition, for at least the reason that claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 29-32, and 34-36 depend from claim 20, and claims 45 and 46 depend from claim 37, claims 21, 22, 24, 25, 29-32, 34-36, 45 and 46 are also submitted to be patentable over the cited references, claims 27 and 48 having been canceled.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 20-22, 24, 25, 27, 29-32, 34-37, 45, 46, 48 and 50 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

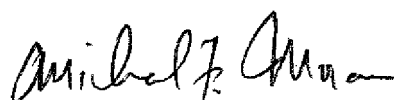
DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Applicant has not independently addressed the rejections of all the dependent claims because Applicant submits that, in view of the amendments to the claims presented herein and, for at least similar reasons as why the independent claims from

which the dependent claims depend are believed allowable as discussed, *supra*, the dependent claims are also allowable. Applicant however, reserves the right to address any individual rejections of the dependent claims should such be necessary or appropriate.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicant's Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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